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## BY TELEGRAPH. WHAT PROCTOR SAW.

### Suffering and Starvation in Cuba. Work of the Board of Inquiry Nearly Done.

Havana, (via Tampa) March 10. (Delayed in transmission)—Senator Proctor, after leaving for Key West after what he calls "a most profitable two weeks in Cuba," said: "I have not had an easy time. I have seen all, from the highest general and the richest merchant to the neediest reconcentrado and the humblest pacifico—bankers, officers, officials and others. I have visited the military prison, hospitals, relief depots, asylums, guard houses, trochas, farms, offices and homes. I have been in four provinces, Havana, Pinar del Rio, Matanzas and Santa Clara, and in the principal cities of each. I am of an observant turn of mind, and I kept my eyes open.

"I have found out what I could not possibly have learned without a personal visit, while I have not to my knowledge antagonized a single person on the island. My trips with Miss Barton have been of great service, because when the minds of the people are mellowed by gratitude their hearts speak out the truth. As a business man I wish to say that Miss Barton's methods of receiving, caring for and distributing the supplies are all most admirably. I am surprised at her ability and delighted at the results obtained. The American people may be fully confident that all money or supplies sent will be conscientiously applied. Could they see, as I have seen, the suffering, starvation and death, they would, as Whittier says, 'pour forth wine and oil.'



MISS CLARA BARTON.

"Everyone is much struck by the success of the American orphanage which the Red Cross society has established in a handsome villa in a suburb under the charge of Dr. Losser and of his wife, as matron. It is for the orphan reconcentrados. Although open for a few days only, it now holds 36 happy youngsters to whom the place seems heaven, so clean and comfortable is it. There is room for 100, but all the places will soon be taken up. In connection with the orphanage a daily clinic is held. The Cuban doctors are much interested in Red Cross work, and 40 patients were treated yesterday. Dr. Losser has refused the demand of the Spanish government that he should pay \$400 for the privilege of practicing among the poor, saying that the Red Cross physicians are allowed to practice all the world over. Thus far his work has not been interfered with, nor is it likely to be."

#### TURNING EVERY STONE.

Nothing Undone to Put the Navy on a Formidable Basis.

Washington, March 11.—While they are giving much thought to the need of new ships, there is evidence that the officials of the navy department are not neglecting the old vessels. Arrangements have been made to make short repairs on several ships that in the ordinary course would receive a thorough and time-consuming overhauling. Thus, in the case of the Philadelphia, orders have gone to Mare island to put her in shape for sea within 40 days. At Norfolk the Newark is set down for 30 days' repairs, and as a good deal of work has already been done on her, she will be almost a new ship when she comes out of the yard. The big monitor Puritan has practically completed her repairs. The Comanche at Mare island has been examined and found in tolerable condition. At League island the Minatonmah and the Katahdin went into commission yesterday, although they have not yet had their orders.

A conference was held yesterday in the office of Assistant Secretary Roosevelt to map out plans for arming and equipping merchant vessels as auxiliary cruisers. Mr. Roosevelt presided and others present were Captain Crowinshield of the bureau of navigation, Captain O'Neill of the bureau of ordnance, Chief Hitchborn of the bureau of construction, and Commander Bradford of the bureau of yards and docks. This meeting had been preceded by a call from President Grisoom of the International Navigation company, which owns the St. Louis, St. Paul, Paris and New York. The board meeting brought out a general discussion of the work the various bureaus would be called upon to perform in making these and other vessels ready as auxiliary cruisers. About 35 percent of this work would fall to the lot of the bureau of construction, which would have charge of installing magazines, gun mounts, light protecting armor for the guns and machinery on which the guns swing. This work, it is said, could be accomplished readily within two weeks' time, as all material and tools are in hand. The bureau of ordnance could not supply all the guns required within that short time, although some 70 or more are now available. The sup-

ply would be adequate, however, for the most effective auxiliary cruisers, and the complete armament of the merchant ships could proceed as rapidly as possible thereafter.

On the question of manning the auxiliary fleet, the navy department feels that the most effective step would be to enlist in the United States naval service the present merchant crews of the several ships. These crews are thoroughly familiar with the vessels and could handle them with far greater effect than green crews of blue jackets. The ships would be officered from the line of the regular navy. In the case of enlisting a merchant crew the pay and allowances would be about equivalent to the rates paid ordinary sailors, and the time of enlistment doubtless would be limited to short periods.

The navy department finds itself in comparatively good condition as to the supply of automobile torpedoes, which constitute one of the most deadly engines of naval destruction. The Whitehead torpedo is now in general use, although a few of the Howell class are still on hand. Fifty Whitehead torpedoes were secured a short time ago, and with these there is a total of about 350 on hand. This gives not only a full outfit for vessels now in commission, but also the necessary reserve supply.

#### Work Practically Done.

Key West, March 11.—The Fern arrived Thursday with the Maine's silverware and 80 rifles recovered from the wreck. Mr. Bissell, stenographer of the court of inquiry, was also on board. Both the official stenographers have now left the court and it has only a temporary clerk. This leads many here to think that its work is practically done, and that it will return to Key West this week. The Fern loaded and the provisions for the starving Cubans were then put on board.

Since the days when northern soldiers built a road and fort here and then waited patiently for the engagement which never came, the people of Key West have had no opportunity to realize how essential their island is to the commencement or continued existence of war. The martial conditions which now prevail would excite many a larger city into a state of ferment.

"Every American in Cuba now is watched as if he were a criminal," said Colonel Parker, who accompanied Senator Proctor to Cuba. "The Spaniards hate us, and do not hesitate to say so. Every one in Havana now knows that the Maine was blown up. Spaniards no longer deny it. They do not seem to be very sad over it, either. Today Havana is calm, but it is the calm of a suppressed feeling that always precedes a storm. Are we going to have war? Well, if we don't, I shall be surprised."

#### Blown Up by a Mine.

Williamsport, Pa., March 11.—The parents of Johnson L. Hayes, who reside in Mountserville, have received a letter from him dated on board the Montgomery at Key West, March 3. Young Hayes is one of the crew. In his letter he says: "We have become a regular prison ship now. We have two divers who were down in the Maine and are waiting to give their testimony at the court of inquiry. They will not be allowed to communicate with the shore till the court is over. One reporter, who knew too much, has also been brought aboard. The Maine was blown up by a mine; that is what both divers say."

#### Special Prayer For Sunday.

Boston, March 11.—In view of the strained relations between the United States and Spain, and the possibility of a rupture between them, the American Peace society, through its general secretary, Dr. Trumbull, has suggested that prayers be offered in all the churches throughout the nation on next Sabbath that the God of peace may deliver the nation from the dire calamity of war, with all its present and future disastrous consequences to the people.

#### Why Laine Was Expelled.

Havana, March 11.—Henry Laine, the newspaper correspondent, was not compelled to leave the country because of newspaper work, but because of written charges, accompanied by alleged full proof furnished to the autonomic government by Mr. Bruzon, governor of Havana province, that he and others were involved in the conspiracy responsible for locating 25 dynamite bombs on next points in Havana. Mr. Bruzon demanded the expulsion of all newspaper correspondents on the ground that sensational stories sent to the United States were liable to create riots in Havana. The Marquis of Montoro and Mr. Govin opposed a wholesale deportation, saying that the matter was very serious, and that it was the duty of the autonomic government not only to preserve peace in Havana, but to promote good feeling with the United States. Furthermore, they contended that not all the correspondents should be under the ban, but that selections should be made of the guilty. They concluded their reply to Bruzon by saying that it would be unwise to expel any correspondents while the court of inquiry was in session, but it should seem that the Spaniards headed the publication of the truth about the Maine explosion.

#### WEATHER INDICATIONS.

ALMANAC, SATURDAY, MARCH 12.  
Sun rises—4:01; sets, 5:47.  
Moon rises—11:17 p. m.  
High water—1:45 a. m.; 2 p. m.  
Though in the interior and western parts of the country it was generally cloudy, with light showers at many stations yesterday, there is no certain indication of the unsettled conditions extending to New England, and while there may be more cloudiness Saturday, the weather will probably be fair, with southerly winds and no great change in temperature.

## BY TELEGRAPH. INFAMOUS SUGGESTION.

### Archbishop Ireland Speaks on New York Priest's Statements. Tribute to McKinley.

Chicago, March 11.—"No true American Catholic will think of espousing the cause of Spain against that of this country because the former is a Catholic nation," said Archbishop Ireland in an interview here today. "To do that is to set one's self down as traitorously inclined to the teachings of his religion, as well as to the country which he is bound by duty to defend against all enemies both international and internal."

The words of the archbishop were in reply to a question as to what he thought of the advice alleged to have been given by a Catholic priest in New York state to his parishioners. Archbishop Ireland was enroute to his home in St. Paul from Washington.

"It is an infamous suggestion," he continued, "and it would seem as if it could only emanate from a bitter enemy of the faith, for it is directly opposed in every way to the spirit and teachings of Catholicism."

His attention was also called to a suggestion which has been a subject of some discussion to the effect that the pope's sympathies in the present controversy are strongly enlisted on the side of Spain because of its religious affiliations. "It is so far as implying that the pope will use his offices to aid Spain as against this country, the suggestion is as infamous as the other," said the archbishop. "Whatever action he may take in this matter will be with the single idea of averting, if possible, war between two Christian nations."

Referring to the situation in this country the archbishop said "President McKinley is proving himself pre-eminently the man of the hour and occasion. His course throughout the present painful and trying crisis has been marked by a loftiness of purpose, serenity and dignity of conduct, which has commanded respect and admiration of his most pronounced political enemies."

## CUTDOWN OF NO AVAIL

Curtailment of Production Agitated In Fall River.

Brokers Think It Necessary To Tone the Market.

No Agreement as to Fining Reached in New Bedford.

Fall River, Mass., March 11.—A curtailment of production in the cotton mills of New England is under discussion by the manufacturers of this city as preliminary to an appeal to the manufacturers at large to adopt this policy the coming summer. Mill brokers here are chiefly interested at present, as officers of the Manufacturers' association say nothing has been done by the executive committee or leading members.

While several manufacturers say that curtailment is necessary, they also say the proper time for it has not come. They admit, however, that when it does come the effect will be fully as general as last year. Trade is not considered as good as expected, and the outlook is far from promising. The money market has great influence, and it is considered an unwise policy to keep on accumulating goods and depend upon borrowed funds to meet the payroll or to cover operating expenses.

#### CAME TO NOTHING.

Arbitrators Abandon the Attempt to Stille the New Bedford Strike.

New Bedford, Mass., March 11.—The action of the weavers in repudiating their own proposition under which fines might be regulated in the cloth mills of New Bedford has seriously affected any chance of a peaceful ending of the strike. When the board of arbitration met yesterday afternoon with other labor representatives to discuss the possibility of a return to work, it was noticeable that the weavers were absent. Representatives of the spinners, loomfixers, slanders and carders were present, however, and their discussion was based principally on the action of the weavers and failure to accomplish anything. Nothing could be done under the circumstances, although the state officials say that they are ready to do anything they can to bring about a settlement.

The state officials keenly feel the position in which they were placed yesterday morning, and were unanimous in expressing the belief that good might have been accomplished had the mass meeting of weavers stood by President Cunnane and his associates who drew up the original proposition. As one of the board puts it: "The weavers have always wanted recognition from the manufacturers, and now that we have secured this for them see what they have done with it." Anxious as the state board may be to settle the differences between the manufacturers and operatives they see no hope for a settlement, and after a talk with the labor men advised that matters take their course.

At a conference of manufacturers and weavers to discuss the fine question, the former agreed to modify the system of fining for imperfect goods, but the weavers insisted on the abolition of the system. The mill men stood ready to act on the original proposition, modified,

#### Dry Dock For Boston.

Washington, March 11.—Five members of the Massachusetts delegation appeared before the naval committee, which is considering an appropriation of \$30,000,000 for the needs of the navy, to present the claims of Boston for a dry dock. They wanted an appropriation of about \$1,300,000 for a dry dock, equipped to accommodate the largest vessels, to be erected in Boston, though they contended they would favor one also in Portsmouth or Kittery point after one had been built at Boston. They pointed out that in case of war, the New England coast would be attacked, that the wealth and other attractions of that section would invite foreign invasion, and that there was no dry dock on the coast that would accommodate a large battleship. They predicted that in case of war, a battle would be fought off Cape Cod, and there would be no place to dock an injured vessel. They cited the 27-foot depth of the harbor and proposed enlargement of the width of the channel at Boston, and concluded that the need of a dock was imperative. The committee deferred action and will probably give other hearings.

#### To Meet Tonight In "Frisc."

San Francisco, March 11.—Both Choyinski and Sharkey have ceased training for their fight tonight. Both are in perfect condition and equally confident. It is generally conceded that the sailor will give a better account of himself than when he first met Choyinski. Sharkey's staying powers, which have been thoroughly tested by Fitzsimmons, Corbett, Goddard and others, constitutes him favorite in the betting at odds of 10 to 8, much to the surprise of his opponent, but a large sum of money has already been staked at the odds, and there was plenty more on hand. Sharkey probably will enter the ring at 160 pounds, while Choyinski probably will scale from 160 to 165 pounds. The advance sale of tickets has been unusually heavy.

What Boston Editors Say.  
Boston, March 11.—Today's Advertiser says: "A very pleasant indication of better times in business and of the general confidence in the present administration's management of national finances is to be seen in the more recent treasury statements of customs receipts. These figures show not only that the income from customs dues under the Dingley tariff are increasing steadily, but also that the proportion of gold receipts is growing larger. This development will gradually tend to increase the gold reserve in the treasury, hereafter."

Under the caption, "Not Choice but the Right," The Journal has this to say: "Up to this time The Journal has opposed intervention in Cuban affairs and has sustained the United States government in its efforts to preserve neutrality. But month after month horrors have accumulated in the unhappy island, and the duty of the United States has become more and more a matter for solemn thought on the part of the government. The commercial losses to this country growing out of the Cuban struggle have been great, but they should not have been felt with war in the other balance. It is humanity which makes the strongest appeal. We have hoped always that the appeal could be answered without war, and that hope we still hold; but we are sure of this, that the United States will not be forced into war for war's sake; that the passions will have no part in the undertaking; that it will be entered upon, if at all, as a solemn duty either to ourselves or to humanity."

Newspeople Objected.  
Stow, Mass., March 11.—The body of Lorenzo Barnes, who was hanged last Friday at Cambridge, was buried in a cemetery here by order of the town authorities, and without ceremony. The body was delivered to Barnes' sister, Mrs. Ellen Cook of Marlboro, and she sent it to the receiving tomb here to await burial directions. Early in the week the townspeople who had bodies of relatives in the tomb objected to the body of a murderer remaining there, and so notified the authorities to remove it. Mrs. Cook was notified, and she said that owing to her mother's critical condition she would leave the matter with the Stow selectmen, and they buried the body at once.

Baths the Champions.  
Portland, Me., March 11.—There was no polo game here last night, as the Lewiston club failed to show up, and it is understood has disbanded. This practically ends the season, as only two games more were scheduled, both with Lewiston. The Baths win the championship, with Portland second.

#### Found in a Brook.

Attleboro, Mass., March 11.—The body of Mrs. John Diamond, who disappeared from her home at North Attleboro Thursday morning, was found in a brook at Attleboro Falls. Death was due to partial suffocation and exposure. She leaves three children.

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# AT WILLIAMSTOWN

## Father Mathew Society to Give a Ball —To Locate in Albany—Town Politics Quiet—Well Grounded Complaint.

There is loud and well grounded complaint about the condition of the sidewalks on Main street. Through the efforts of the Village Improvement society considerable concrete work has been laid, but it is covered with slush to the depth of several inches in most places and the walking is extremely bad. No one claims that the walks in a town like this can be kept clean during the winter, but now that the snow has become thoroughly softened it is felt that it should be removed, if not by sidewalk scrubbers then by the Village Improvement society or the fire district.

### Town Politics Quiet.

The term of Dr. S. L. Lloyd as a member of the school committee expires this spring and he has not yet decided whether he will be a candidate for re-election or not. Professor Mearns has been mentioned as a candidate and it is believed that if he should enter the field he would make a strong run. Town politics is very quiet on the surface as yet, but the citizens' caucus next Wednesday night will bring matters to a focus and from that time until town meeting people that have anything to say will say it so it can be heard.

### Preparing for a Ball.

The Father Mathew Temperance society has decided to give its annual ball the latter part of April and the following have been chosen as a committee of arrangements: D. J. Connors, Thomas McMahon, Jr., D. J. Quinn, William Upton and William Rowley. The ball will be given in the opera house and the supper will be served in the society's rooms in Moore's block. First-class music will be engaged and the society will endeavor to make the occasion the most elaborate social event in its history.

### The Second Lecture.

The lecture at the Methodist church Wednesday evening by Rev. Dr. G. W. Brown of North Adams was heard and enjoyed by a good sized audience. The subject was "Good Humor" and the speaker kept his hearers in very good humor throughout. This was the second lecture in the course which was recently announced. The third and last will be given March 16 by Rev. Dr. John F. Clymer of Troy, N. Y., whose subject will be "Our Shadows."

### To Locate in Albany.

F. K. McLaughlin, who recently leased the Globe hotel in Albany for 10 years, will go to that city next Monday and take possession of the property Tuesday. He feels that he has secured a good business opportunity and his friends hope that it will so prove. Mr. McLaughlin's family will join him the latter part of next week.

Mrs. Shaw has moved from B. H. Sherman's house on Main street into Elijah House on East Main street. Mr. Seeley will move from the Ford house near Water street into the house vacated by Mrs. Shaw.

Joseph Richards has filed his bond and it has been approved by Sheriff Fuller. Mr. Richards is now a full fledged deputy and ready for business. Joseph Fairweather, who was also appointed, has decided not to qualify.

The oldest inhabitant cannot recall a March the first 10 days of which were as pleasant as this month has been so far. Many predict that there will be some rough and wintry weather yet.

D. Robert & Sons have been making further improvements in their store. The senior member of the firm, who has been sick for a long time, is slowly improving and visited the store the other day for the first time in a long while.

The curiosity of many at the station village was aroused Tuesday night by the appearance of a strange light over the east mountain. It looked at first as though it was on top of the mountain and some thought it was a burning stump that had been set afire by hunters, but it was doubtless a planet, as it later disappeared from the top of the mountain and was seen further up, although it did not look so large as it rose higher from the horizon.

Thomas Horan, an engineer on the Fitchburg road, will soon move to Mechanville, N. Y. His home has been in the Lemarche block on Cole avenue.

Wesley Miller has moved from Water street into the Lemarche block.

The continued case against Wanton Pettit for non-support came up in the police court Wednesday. Mr. Pettit's boy, over whom the trouble arose, had been provided for and the defendant was let off with a fine of \$5.

William Gardner of North Adams was before Judge Tenney the other day for drunkenness and was fined \$5.

C. B. Cook has come into the house business in company with Mr. Fowler of Cambridge, N. Y., in which town they arrived from Canada with a car load of horses a day or two ago. The lot includes single drivers, workers and matched teams.

The Cosmopolitan club has received part of its new furniture and the balance will be placed in the rooms soon. Among the pieces already received are two large rockers and a couch upholstered in dark green leather and a handsome center table. The furniture is of oak and was furnished by G. M. Hopkins of this town.

William Hall has moved from Co's avenue to Linden street.

Miss S. V. Hopper went to New York today on business.

Manager Wood of the college baseball team is circulating a subscription paper for the benefit of the team.

G. S. Asherian left town Thursday night for a few days' business trip to Boston and New York.

## Mr. and Mrs. John Tibbatts are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter.

A daughter was born a few days ago to Mr. and Mrs. George Galusha of Bee hill. Luther Davidson, employed at the Boston Finishing works, had three fingers on his left hand cut by a machine Wednesday. Dr. Lloyd dressed the wounds.

M. S. Baker was in town Thursday showing the Underwriters' fire extinguisher to the prudential committee and fire department. The extinguisher was patented in 1895 and is highly recommended by those who have used it. It is an extinguisher which is carried in the hand and easily operated. It throws a stream charged with chemicals and is guaranteed to do very effective work.

A pleasant time will be had this evening at the home of Arthur G. Lindley on Church street, where a social will be held by the Christian Endeavor society of the Methodist church.

D. P. Witherbee and wife, formerly of Ticonderoga, N. Y., left town Tuesday for Rumford Falls, Me., where Mr. Witherbee has taken a position with his brother, who is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, and will learn the business.

A horse owned by W. J. Metcalf of Sweet's Corners cut his ankle Thursday while being driven to this village by the owner. Dr. Hill dressed the wound.

The concert given in Goodrich hall Thursday evening by the Adamowski quartet of instrumentalists, assisted by Dr. George R. Clark, basso, was a high class entertainment and was attended by a large and appreciative audience. There are two more entertainments in the Thompson course.

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Mr. Daniel Riddleworth of 204 East Main street, says: "For a long time I was troubled with pain in my back, dizziness in my head and lameness over my kidneys. There was a great deal of dull pain across the loins when standing on my feet and a sensation of languor completely mastered me. I read several accounts of Doan's Kidney Pills effecting marvelous cures. Some of them seemed just like my case and I asked my husband to go to Burlington & Darby's for a box. I only took them for a week yet the distressing backache disappeared and all the stiffness and lameness vanished. I certainly can strongly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills and I have no objections to your using my name as vouching for their being a good remedy for troubles that arise from disordered kidneys."

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**OUR NEW YORK LETTER.**

Two Real Life Stories For Foolish Girls.  
Strange Men and Matrimony.  
Could Not Tell Her Name.

[Special Correspondence.]

When, if ever, will romantic young women learn that their parents are pretty good people to consult when they are about to select life partners? Despite the many cases in which the contrary course has been shown to be fraught with all manner of unhappiness girls go right along in the same old way. It is usually a waste of time to advise them, and it is ever a thankless task to proffer unasked counsel, but a couple of cases of this sort which have occurred here recently are so nearly sermons of themselves that it may be well to mention them and allow the reader to make his or her own deductions.

**She Finally Confessed.**

In the first of these a girl of about 19 answered an advertisement in a matrimonial newspaper which preys upon the credulity of weak-minded persons like herself, and within a day or two she had met a young man who dressed like a gentleman and had evidently been well reared. The girl tried hard to keep her secret from her parents, but the mother suspected something, and she finally confessed that she was in love and even went to the length of telling just how she had met the man of her choice. The mother was a most sensitive

woman, and despite the vows of vengeance and the sanguinary threats emitted by her husband she succeeded in convincing him that the best plan would be to invite the daughter's fiancé to visit them. This was done, and the old gentleman took a violent liking to his prospective son-in-law. He even went so far as to explain to him that he was well provided with this world's goods, and, finding that the young gentleman was ambitious to become a lawyer, he offered to pay his expenses while he was studying, even before the marriage.

**In High Favor For a Time.**

The fortunate fellow very naturally accepted, and he was in high favor for a time. It was his habit to run in every evening, and on one of these occasions he was so drunk that he was actually maudlin. The next day, however, he explained that he had had but one drink, and that that must have been drugged, for he had been robbed of several dollars. There and then he took the pledge and was freely forgiven and even sympathized with. He kept straight for some months, and the wedding day had been set, when the girl's father learned that the supposed law student was using the money he gave him to gamble with every evening. That settled it so far as the old gentleman was concerned. He learned that the precious rascal had never been near the law school and also found out other things about his character which would prevent any self respecting father from admitting him to his family circle. He promptly forbade him the house, being supported in that action by his wife and apparently also by his daughter. The latter was missing the next afternoon and returned in the evening with the startling information that she and George had been married an hour or two before. Again the hard sense of the mother came to the front.

**A Confidence Man.**

She persuaded her spouse that as the mischief was done they might as well see if their son-in-law really had anything in him. He was installed in their house with his bride and appeared to be trying to live down his reputation. At just about the time when he had pretty well succeeded he began to abuse his wife and later to beat her. She stood it, however, being ashamed to let her parents know of her humiliation. But one night he went a little too far. His victim was so badly injured that for a time her life was despaired of, and the villain of this story disappeared. Investigation has since revealed the fact that this was by no means his first experience in dodging the law, as he was wanted for confidence swindling in several places and was the sort of man that no girl of decency would wish to marry under any circumstances.

**Another Unfortunate Girl.**

There can be even less sympathy for the other girl. She entered into a flirtation with a man whom she had never before seen. clandestine appointments, were made, and after a time the couple ran away and were married. The husband then for the first time paid his respects to his parents-in-law. They were not like those in the other case, however, and he was promptly informed that he and his wife must shift for themselves. When, after many efforts had been made during the next month, he found that there was no chance that the old folks would relent, the newly made husband promptly deserted his bride, leaving a note in which he informed her that he was not her husband, as he had a living wife. This statement the girl repeated to her parents, who took her back, and it was investigated and found to be true.

There is no need to point the moral of these stories. They carry it within themselves.

**Complete Loss of Identity.**

A strange case involving complete loss of memory occurred in this city a few days ago. A woman well dressed in black, with a sable cape, was found wandering aimlessly in the streets. She was taken to a police station, where she appeared dazed. She could not tell her name, but said something about having lived at a certain address. A policeman was sent there, but no one knew anything of the woman he described to them, nor was she recognized by any one in the neighborhood. She was taken to the police court, but the magistrate had no more success in finding out who she was than had the police. She was detained until her identity was established by friends who called at the station.

**A Great Find.**

Cholly—Harry is a great findler.  
Chappie—Yas!  
Cholly—He borrowed sixpence from me yesterday to take him to the city to see a man that he knew he could borrow a pound from, and with that pound he flew off to stand a dinner to another man whom he borrowed a hundred from.—London Fun.

## Do You Want WORK?

Intelligent young men and women of good appearance can learn of good, profitable employment on salary by applying between 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. at 123 Main Street.

**A. L. LUCAS.**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of David Ives, late of North Adams, in said county, deceased.

Whereas James Whitely, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance the final account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Pittsfield, in said county, on the fifth day of April, A. D. 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

## Obliged to Take Morphine

To Deaden the Agonies of Rheumatism.  
Dr. Frost Cured Him.

Mr. F. B. Fisk, foreman of the Fowler & Miller Printing company, 341 Main street, Hartford, Ct., says:  
"For eight years I have constantly suffered from rheumatism in its worst form, rendering me unfit for work and confining me at times to my bed. I have spent hundreds of dollars on doctors in vain. Recently I went to Goodwin's drug store for morphine pills on a doctor's prescription, but he persuaded me to take Dr. Frost's Rheumatism Cure."  
"The result after four hours' use was astounding. I slept like a top that night and in a few days was a well man. This infallible remedy is a world beater; may its use grow daily everywhere."

**Pain in the Side Was So Severe that He Was Unable to Lie on Either Side With Comfort.**

Mr. Fred H. Cheney, 223 High street, Hartford, Ct., says: "After a serious illness of typhoid fever I was left with what was undoubtedly severe rheumatism trouble, which settled in my left knee and side, causing me at times great pain. I, however, doctored for other than the apparent real cause and finally I resorted to iodine, anointing the knee freely. I then concluded to try a well known homeopathic rheumatism remedy, but got worse instead of better. Not giving up hope, I obtained a bottle of Dr. Frost's Rheumatism Cure. Tuesday, October 29, I had suffered severely for two weeks previous to that and that day I had my left leg resting on pillows to ease the pain as much as possible. I started to take your remedy early and followed the directions faithfully and between 8 and 9 o'clock that night I began to feel the wonderful results—a queer tingling sense on as though I desired to scratch the affected part. It was evidently the result of the medicine starting the circulation through the deadened muscles and nerves. I was agreeably surprised at the astonishing quick results. I continued the medicine and took it faithfully, and the next day the pain had entirely ceased and I could move my knee, which had been swollen and sore, very easily. I then sent to Goodwin's drug store and purchased a regular 25c bottle and since have taken half of it, improving each day. The great relief obtained so far encouraged me to continue and your truly wonderful little pellets have done more for me than all other remedies I have tried."

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## NOTICE

All children attending the Public or Parochial Schools in North Adams, Mass., not having been successfully vaccinated will be required to be so vaccinated on or before April 1, 1898.—See Sec. 3, Chap. 515, Acts of 1894.

All children attending the Kindergarten Schools must be successfully vaccinated before the opening of the fall term of school.

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WM. B. ARNOLD,  
Board of Health.  
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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Berkshire ss. Probate Court.  
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of William McConnell, late of North Adams, in said county of Berkshire, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Ann McConnell, late of North Adams, in said county of Berkshire, deceased.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice of the fact by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the North Adams Daily Transcript, a newspaper published in said North Adams, the last publication to be on day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Edward T. Slocum, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fourth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

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## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Regular meetings of the Board of Health will be held at their office in City Hall every Thursday evening at 7 30 o'clock.

Office hours of the Agent of the Board of Health from 10.30 a. m. to 12 m. and from 1.30 until 3 p. m.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having residences in the city must clear the sidewalks in front of their residences of snow and ice within 13 hours of the time of snow fall or ice formation. Neglect to comply with this order will make any offender subject to the law's penalty. By order of

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

## COASTING NOTICE.

The commissioner of public works, J. H. Emigh, has set aside the following streets on which coasting will be permitted: Hall, Meadow, Lawrence avenue, East Brooklyn, Walnut, south of corner, East Main, east of Kemp avenue and Dover street.

J. H. EMIGH,  
Commissioner of Public Works

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Yours truly,

FAYETTE NICHOLS.

STAMFORD, VT., Feb. 23, 1





Adjourned Church Meeting.

The adjourned meeting of the Baptist church was held Thursday evening in the chapel. There was a good attendance. Reports of the collectors and treasurer of the Young Peoples' union were read and were very creditable. A committee on nominations was appointed and brought in a report which was accepted. The officers and committees for the ensuing year will be as follows: Advisory, Rev. H. B. Foskett, board of Deacons and Mrs. B. P. Phillips, Mrs. Calvin Richmond and Mrs. Albert S. Bovee; finance committee, A. H. Simmons, chairman, Charles A. Waters and David Follett; soliciting committee, Mrs. Thomas Jubb, Miss Maude A. Waters, Mrs. Jessie Steele, Mrs. W. R. Harrington and Mrs. Edward Mason; baptismal, Nelson Bowen, Mrs. Nelson Bowen, Miss Lizzie Kendrick, Mrs. Elsie Thorpe, Charles W. McKay and Walter Kenyon; benevolence, Mrs. George H. Edwards, Miss Myrtle J. Richmond, Mrs. H. A. Ballou, Mrs. Nelson Bowen and Mrs. S. A. Dodge; music, T. D. Brown, Mrs. J. R. Moison, Miss Susan Phillips, Miss Maude A. Waters, Miss Lucy C. Richmond and W. E. Davis; auditors, George H. Haynes, A. C. Simmons and Fred Busby; ushers, W. D. Parsons, chairman, Thomas Jubb, A. C. Simmons, F. L. Place, Frank Rich, Walter Kenyon and Fred Busby.

A Handsome Colt.

John D. Ronane of West street has returned from Vermont where he has been for some time looking up matched teams of horses for local and North Adams parties. On his return he brought with him his four-year-old stallion, Mack Jr., son of Mack, the trotting stallion, which made a mark of 2:14 on a half-mile track last season and is acknowledged as one of the best horses in the country. Mack Jr. is a rich bay with black points, a clean galloped trotter and gives every promise of making as good if not a better record than his sire.

Moving a Heavy Boiler.

A large crowd gathered on Pleasant street Thursday forenoon to watch the moving of a large boiler which is to be placed in C. T. Plunkett & Sons mill on Commercial street. The boiler was unloaded from a freight car onto a sleigh built especially for the purpose of drawing the boiler. There was not much moving however for when the sleigh struck some bare ground opposite Butler's grist mill it staid there. The horses tugged and hauled but could not move it and the boiler will remain there until beer sleighing is had.

Bill of Sale Given.

M. N. Lothrop of Company M met the library trustees at the library Thursday afternoon and in behalf of Company M announced the ultimatum's vote to turn over to the trustees the silver punch bowl. A bill of sale was given them and stipulates that at the disbandment of Company M their silver punch bowl and other trophies shall become the property of the Adams free library. Lawyer Harrington was authorized to make out the bill of sale.

Basket Ball Team Organized.

The Young Men's club of St. Mark's church have organized a basket ball team. The team is composed of Clarence Lowd, William Dunn, Fred Krapion, Frank Dunn and Albert Foote. They are practicing earnestly and hope to have a first class team. They will probably play their first game against a team from the Congregational church, at the Congregation house next Tuesday evening. A second team of the Young Men's club is also being formed.

The Scholars Are Hustling.

The scholars of the high school are working like bees this week in order to get signatures for their petition for the continuance of one session of school. The plan has been in operation for about five weeks and so far as the scholars are concerned it is highly satisfactory. Nearly all the parents are signing the petition and it will come before the school committee at its next meeting.

There should be a large attendance at the speaking contest in the opera house this evening.

The contest is by pupils of the high school and heretofore the contests have been held in the school room. The idea of having it in the opera house and making it public should be an incentive. Parents and friends of the pupils can show their interest in their school work by attending. The contest is sure to be a good one.

The new musical club met Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Streeter of Cranford street.

Town Clerk Munson returned Thursday from a trip to Boston.

The grammar grades and high school closed today for a three weeks vacation.

Supt. C. M. Haskins of the Greylock "hired" son has been joined by his wife and young son from Albany, N. Y. They will live on Cranford street.

Miss Helen Dineen of North Adams is the guest of Adams friends.

The auditors have been busy this week auditing the town books.

The selectmen have prepared the voters list for the ensuing year.

Isaac Lefebvre went to Canada this week to finish paying for a large farm which he purchased there.

Miss Annie Callahan of North Adams has returned home after a pleasant visit with friends at Renfrew.

P. J. Barrett and John M. Burke were in Springfield today on business.

The regular Lenten devotion will be held at St. Thomas and Notre Dame churches this evening. At St. Thomas church Rev. Fr. Burke of Holyoke will preach the second of his series of sermons on "The Church."

The W. W. whist club will meet next

Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Richmond of 23 Summer street.

The regular meeting of the Adams Whist club will be held this evening.

George Mausert has purchased a fine draft horse from W. A. Ballou.

From the talk on the streets it would appear that E. V. Dabs has made quite a number of converts to his political views.

The Weavers' union will hold a meeting in Collins block Saturday afternoon.

Dr. Andrew J. Potter has been reappointed cattle commissioner by the board of selectmen.

Bicycle For Sale.

A Warwick bicycle, weighs 23 pounds and in first class shape. Inquire T. K. McAllister, 14 Summer street.

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AMERICAN FICTION.

H. O. UMSTAEETTER HAS FAITH IN THE SHORT STORY.

A Critic Who Believes in the Future of the American Novel—Our Long Story Writers, He Says, Are Doing Their Work in More Business Fashion.

[Special Correspondence.]

Boston, March 8.—H. O. Umstaeetter, whose faith in the power of the short story to please the reading public has crystallized in "The Black Cat," which is filled every month with "novels told in 2,000 or 3,000 words," might easily be taken for a dressed up blacksmith at first sight, so massive is his physique and so vigorous is his appearance.

Mr. Umstaeetter is of middle age, tall, broad shouldered and sandy—a man who would attract general attention in any crowd. His movements indicate restlessness and nervousness, and his voice is deep and full. His manner and tone are those of a man who is dead in earnest all the time. His talk is interesting and abounding with epigram and illustration, though he rarely takes time to tell an anecdote. His sentences are clever and direct, with never an unnecessary syllable, and his speech is so rapid that it seems almost a wonder sometimes that the words do not displace one another in the rush.

Mr. Umstaeetter devotes an enormous amount of work to his periodical, carefully overseeing its contents in all cases. A much larger percentage of the stories appearing in "The Black Cat" than you might imagine are revised or rewritten after acceptance, and some of this work Mr. Umstaeetter does himself, though he often prefers to direct its performance by others. He cannot personally read all the contributions that are offered, however. They are far too numerous to be gone through with by any one person. It has been said, indeed, that more short stories are now offered to Mr. Umstaeetter than to any two other editors in the United States, and while that may be exaggeration, the number received is certainly phenomenal, since they come in almost by the basketful with every mail.

While Mr. Umstaeetter rarely or never writes now, he has in the past produced a number of successful short stories. The most striking perhaps being "The Redhot Dollar," and there is every possibility that he will some time resume the fiction writer's pen. His life experiences to date have been of exactly the sort to fit him for writing thrilling tales, since he has traveled extensively and seen most earthly things worth seeing, being almost as familiar with India, China, Egypt and other remote and interesting countries as he is with the United States. Though he is of German descent, as his name indicates, he comes from Ohio. His occupations have been diverse, journalism of the rattling, rushing sort being included, of course.

He is, of course, a man of almost boundless ambitions, but these do not lead him into undue display, and he is a tireless worker. His office is unpretentious to a degree. His wife, whose initials, N. U., wrought into a monogram as signature to the quaint initials and "tailpiece" drawings with which the story reading public has become familiar, is a strikingly handsome woman and is as much wrapped up in the publication as her husband himself.

Mr. Umstaeetter believes that the American short story, though admirable as it now is, will surely improve in the future, and he takes a generally optimistic view of all American fiction, both long and short. In this view he is supported by many other close students of literary evolution in the United States.

"Although a large proportion of the novels that have recently sold best in the United States have been produced by foreign writers," said the critical fiction reader of one of the best known publishing houses the other day, "I think I see many signs that American writers are gradually getting a firmer grip on the art of writing the long story, and I believe sincerely that the next ten years will witness a great advance in the quality of the American novel."

"Our short story writers are now the best in the world, and I have the utmost confidence that the time will come when our novelists also will lead in quality. And when this takes place there will be a corresponding advance in the sales of American novels. Publishers in this country would much rather put out American fiction than any other if only they could get the right quality, and American readers are constantly calling for good American stories."

"The phenomenal reception accorded such American stories as Mitchell's 'Hugh Wynne,' Davis' 'Soldiers of For-

There are some others not so recent proves the correctness of the latter part of what I have said, while I base the first part of my remarks upon the constantly improving literary workmanship of the fiction manuscript sent in for examination. The improvement in this direction has been much greater than one would think possible, and this has come about unquestionably because it is beginning to be clearly seen that fiction writing to be successful must be treated like any other business or profession—that is, it must be preceded by adequate study and preparation and the work must be done with care. It has been demonstrated that there are a few persons in this country who possess both the ability to tell a good story and the willingness to bestow the necessary application upon the work, and when it becomes fully apparent that there is profit in this sort of work, as I firmly believe there is, then I am sure there will be good novelists a-plenty to fill the demand. And in time I believe that the American novelist will not only dominate the American literary market, but that he will more than hold his own elsewhere."

OSBORN SPENCER.

WORSE THAN A WHEEL.

The Rubber Tired Buggy and the Rubber Shod Horse.

The rubber shod horse and the rubber tired buggy have appeared in Washington, and they travel over asphalt with a silence that renders the grind of the chain upon the sprocket on a bicycle like the noise of a locomotive whistle in comparison with the weird hush when they approach the wayfarer, and the suddenness with which the rig looms up out of the darkness and passes silently by gives one the uncomfortable feeling that the old sailors experienced when the Flying Dutchman sailed by without the hum of a rope or the creaking of a spar.

This one rig seems to be very skillfully managed, but the manner in which it makes pedestrians dodge is indicative of a wild panic among those who walk if the type should become numerous among the vehicles of the city. Of course there is small likelihood of a great increase in the near future, but a gong or a set of sleighbells hung around the horse's neck would not be amiss, and the legislation directed against the bicycle making it a pillar of fire by night and an instrument of sound by day might well include such equipped vehicles.—Washington Post.

The French Girl's Costume.

A foreign paper thus describes a French girl's costume: "Imagine moderately ample knickerbockers—for they resemble knickerbockers more closely than anything else—made of crimson cloth such as that used for the zouave regiments fitting the hips closely and confined around the waist with a crimson scarf having a fringed edge, a black velvet bolero beautifully embroidered with red silk worn over a cream colored, loose silk shirt, a red fez with black silk tassel, brown morocco boots and leggings to match, almost covering the black silk hose."

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If a queen dies, she may always be found near the entrance.

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**NECESSITIES ARE CHEAPER.**

The predictions made by opponents of the Dingley bill that it would result in large advances in prices of articles of common consumption have proven inaccurate as have those in which it was insisted that it could not produce sufficient revenues to meet the expenses of the Government. The revenue receipts are now exceeding the expenditures and the prices of articles of common consumption are in many cases lower than they were a year ago. Dun's Review, in a recent issue, shows that cotton goods of nearly all grades were much lower on March 1, 1898, than they were on January 1, 1897; that nearly all articles of iron and steel have also fallen instead of advanced and even in the matter of boots and shoes, where it was insisted that the duty placed on shoes must result in an advance in the cost of those articles to the wearer, prices are actually lower than they were at the beginning of last year.

**AN ATTRACTIVE REWARD.**

In consonance with public sentiment and to further the ends of justice, the postmaster-general has offered a reward of \$1,500 in each case for every person who is arrested for complicity in the murder of the negro postmaster, Baker, at Lake City, South Carolina. If fifty persons should be arrested and convicted for complicity in that dreadful tragedy, the government would pay \$75,000 reward to the detectives. This reward is large enough to induce some of the best detectives in the northern cities to go to South Carolina and stir up the savages there as they were never before stirred. The attorney-general announces that if the United States officers first make the arrest, all the subsequent judicial proceedings will have to be continued in the federal court, and there justice can be obtained for the black man.

It looks as if the administration was determined to make a memorable example of the savages in the Williamsburg district. They may have white faces, but they are blacker, more relentless and cruel than Sioux or Apache Indians.

Those Spanish loans now appear to have been floated on wind.

With the exception of the yellow journals, the situation is more calm and peaceful.

It is suggested that Spain get Russia to make her demands for her and arrange with China to accede to them.

Notice is served on those Canadian mounted police not to get too frisky simply because we are so busy exchanging compliments and pacificatory sentiments with Spain.

The question now is, what have the military-cursed and army-ridden nations of the old world to offer this peace-loving country in the line of destructive battle ships? The question suggests a national neglect.

Thomas Wentworth Higginson writes that "when Wendell Phillips was speaking more tamely than usual the young abolitionists used to slip to the back of the room and start a hiss. It never failed to rouse him." Since the Dingley law has become a money getter, nothing can arouse Mr. Bryan.

This country believes that the arbitral tribunal has advantages over war in the settlement of international differences. Uncle Sam does not propose just now, however, to stop to demonstrate the problem. He will just show the family of nations a thing or two about getting upon a war footing with a hop, skip and a jump. Later on will come the arbitration.

Those journals which have been at so king President McKinley and the foremost men of the country, because they have refused to acquiesce in the reckless demands made upon the administration, will be condemned for all time. It is well that the honor of this country is not resting in the hands that have been open to the Cuban Junta and the crowd that is speculating in choice farms, ranches and plantations in Cuban provinces. The national honor is secure with Mr. McKinley.

The movement for the preservation of Mount Greylock for a public reservation is such as commands public approval. It seems that the rich people are buying up the best spots in the Berkshire hills. They are warning the public, the people who have been born and reared in the vicinity, to keep off from their preserves. If people

wish to go upon a high mountain and enjoy the magnificent scenery, they are met at some point by a toll gate and a demand for a fee before they are allowed to proceed further. It is time that the rights of the public in our great gifts by nature were protected. The public can do it if it is disposed, and it is hoped that the trifling cost will not prevent the adoption of this wise policy.—Fitchburg Sentinel.

The people of Mr. Bryan's state have reduced their mortgage indebtedness about seven million dollars in the past year, despite the fact that free coinage of silver was not adopted in 1896. The farm mortgages released during the year amounted to \$14,757,000, and the new mortgages filed, \$11,544,000, while in the cities the mortgages filed during the last six months of 1897 were \$1,890,000 and those released \$4,245,000. Assuming that the work of the first six months of 1897 in the cities was as satisfactory as that of the last half of the year the reduction in mortgages in Nebraska would amount to between seven and eight million dollars.

Prof. Dale's category of the three reasons for preserving Greylock mountain as a state park clearly appealed to the legislative committee. "Protection," he said "is desired from three foes. It is desired to prevent purchase by rich men for private purposes. In Lenox this process has gone so far that the native population has been expatriated. Second, it is desired to prevent devastation by forest fires. Third, the denudations by wood choppers must be checked. They are ready to sell the mantle of the mountains for \$3 a cord. In some places where the forest has been cut off trees will never grow again." The first reason would have sounded strange enough in the ears of our great grandfathers. It is not improbable that it is harsh enough today to reach the end desired.—Boston Record.

## DESIRES TO AVERT WAR

**Government Hopes to Avoid a Conflict With Spain.**

**VIEWS OF A CABINET OFFICER.**

**Diplomatists Doing Their Best to Patch Up the Difficulty, but the Overt Act of an Individual May Precipitate Hostilities.**

WASHINGTON, March 11.—[Special.]—From a member of the cabinet I got a very clear statement of the attitude of our government toward Spain. "In the first place," said this member of President McKinley's official household, "neither Spain nor the United States wants war. We know here in Washington that it is our desire to avert war, and we have strong assurances from the other side that they do not want war. It looked to the country when Spain suggested to us that we should recall General Lee and that the use of our naval vessels in forwarding supplies to starving Cubans could not be tolerated as if Spain really wanted to provoke us into hostilities. But no such row is warranted by the facts. The purpose of Spain, as we now understand it, was only to make a sort of faintest of an attempt to ascertain how we would stand, how much nerve we had, how much willingness to fight we had on our part. They made their play, and they found out. They found the American people united and enthusiastic in support of their government. They found that we had ships in plenty and lots of money with which to buy more. They found that we could put big fleets and great armies into the field.

"Now, it must be remembered that it is the business of diplomatists to gain all the advantage they can for their governments without making war," continued this member of the cabinet. "In this they are exceedingly artful. They play the whole thing as if it were a game of chess. They feint and bluff and do everything they can to get ahead of their opponents. But they never come to blows till all other means of settling the trouble are exhausted. Every month the world has friction between nations. The game of diplomacy is going on all the time. Every few weeks you read in the newspapers that war is imminent between such and such countries; the world's peace is to be broken at last. But somehow the war never comes. The agile diplomatists fix it up in the end, sometimes one way and sometimes another. They are clever, but they do manage to keep the world in a stew.

**War May Come.**  
 "Now, remember, I do not say war is impossible between Spain and the United States. That there is friction every one can see. That there are hazardous and delicate questions to be settled between them every one understands. Where there is friction, especially in a case where the people on one side have grown to hate the people on the other, as is the case between Spain and the United States, the danger is increased. The real hazard of war between the United States and Spain, in my judgment, is not to be found in the intention or possible action of either of the governments. I believe either government will make concessions and readjustments before it will go to war. In this game of diplomacy the United States has a tremendous advantage. This is true simply because we are the stronger nation. We could whip Spain in 80 days, and Spain knows it. The Spanish have all the troubles they can bear. Their cup of misery is about full. They lack money and prosperity and almost everything save pride. Therefore I say as long as the diplomats are permitted to play the game by themselves they will keep the peace, and the United States will continue to get the best of it.

"If war comes," continued the cabinet officer, "it will probably come as the result of some overt act on the part of individual citizens of Spain or of this country. Some officer will drop a shot or take advantage of an opening to make trouble, knowing very well that if he is anywhere near right his country will stand by him, or another disaster like that of the Maine or something similar to it might occur. If not this, a mob in Madrid might attack our legation and injure the person of General Weyler. Much violence might break out in Havana. To some of these causes, to something that will start the fires of passion and hatred into a fierce flame, the members of our government look for war rather than to any direct act of the Spanish nation or of our own.

**The Verdict on the Maine Disaster.**  
 "At the same time it is true some important questions remain to be settled between the two countries. In a day or two

now we hope to have the report of the court of inquiry that has been investigating the Maine disaster. We have absolutely no knowledge as to the cause of that disaster or as to what the verdict of the court is going to be. But we assume, for sake of argument, that it is going to hold Spain responsible. She may be responsible in one of several ways—first, by the crime of one of her officers or subjects; second, it may not be susceptible of proof, and yet it be demonstrated that the ship was blown up by causes which Spain could have prevented by due diligence. I know the president has carefully considered all these alternatives, and has made up his mind as to what he will do in any emergency.

"The principle that will control the president's action is that if Spain is responsible she must meet her responsibility promptly, according to the circumstances. The president will demand an indemnity of from \$5,000,000 to \$20,000,000, the amount to be determined by the degree of responsibility. If there is doubt as to any negligence on the part of Spain, or if the verdict is of the guilty but not proved or, if the amount asked may be only \$5,000,000, which would include, say, \$3,500,000 for the ship and \$1,500,000 for the loss of life. But if Spain's negligence is established, then the amount will probably be \$10,000,000 or more, and in case of a crime clearly proved, especially if that crime shall turn out to have been committed by persons in the naval or military service of Spain, then the amount may run as high as \$20,000,000 or \$25,000,000. "What will Spain do when our demand is presented to her? That is the question which remains to be settled. For our part, we shall neither be vengeful nor timid. We shall cleave to the line according to the facts and to our ideas of justice. Whatever we decide upon Spain will have to accede to, and accede promptly, or there will be an ultimatum. This is one of the advantages of having the upper hand, the greatest power, the most guns and the biggest treasury. My private opinion is that Spain will yield when she finds she has to." —WALTER WILLIAMS.

**BOOMING WASHINGTON.**  
 A State That Offers Compensation to Disappointed Klondikers.  
 [Special Correspondence.]

SPOKANE, Wash., March 2.—Many who come back from Alaska with or without gold and many likewise who come here from the east intending to go to the Klondike, but who have become disheartened or perhaps wisely discreet, will find something to their liking right in this state. They can even mine here if they wish with a good chance of success. Last year the gold output in Washington was \$2,000,000 as compared with \$20,000,000 in California. This year the output will be increased by many millions. In the matter of climate, accessibility and abundance of material resources for living of course there is no comparison between Washington and Alaska.

But those who do not wish to dig for gold will find other opportunities to use their brain and muscle profitably. The forests of the state produced \$10,000,000 of lumber last year, and it was shipped all over the world. Shipbuilders from this country and Europe use its fir timber for masts, spars and decks, while there is a growing demand for cedar for house shingling all over the country. The standing timber of the state is estimated at 4,000,000,000 feet. The coalfields of Washington in some places cover 1,600 square miles, and the supply in sight will last 100 years.

There ought to be a good chance likewise here for the plain everyday farmer. Last year the fruit growers realized about \$5,000,000 from their orchards, and apples, peaches, pears, prunes, cherries and berries were shipped to the plains in the interior and even to the Atlantic coast. In some localities strawberry bushes grow to the acre and blackberry bushes climb to the house tops. The prune trade is increasing with remarkable rapidity.

It is claimed also that there is a fine field for experienced men in the fishing industry all along the coast from Puget sound to the Aleutian islands, a stretch of some 3,000 miles.

The state should be well adapted to dairying. There are three climatic divisions owing to the mountain ranges, but in no case are the extremes severe. In most localities there is no need of housing stock in any season.

The past year has been a very good one for the farmer owing to the high price of wheat, and the yield amounted to about 20,000,000 bushels. In fact, the soil and climate seem to combine in fostering a range of agricultural products as wide as those of both semitropic and semiarctic lands.

Twenty years ago there were no mines whatever in the state. Now there are a score of well defined districts. There are mountains of building stone and a good deal of marble and onyx.

The country is growing so fast that it is almost impossible to keep run of its development. But no state has brighter prospects than Washington. She has suffered a good deal from "busted booms," but in looks very much as if this Klondike craze is to do a good deal for her.

**GLEANNINGS.**  
 Twenty-five per cent of the population of England have their lives insured. The fashionable quarter of Sydney bears the beautiful name of Woolloomoolloo. Bank of England notes are numbered backward—that is, from 1 to 10,000—hence the figures 00,301.

The 1,500 Mormon missionaries scattered throughout the world go forth for the most part at their own expense. The Eiffel tower, in Paris, is to be altered for the exposition of 1900, and work on it has already begun. The second phase of the plan is to be extended six feet on all sides, and other changes will be made. The floor of the rotunda at the London Coal Exchange, where the merchants gather, is very unique. It is composed of inland woods, arranged in the form of a mariner's compass, with a border of Greek fret. Upward of 4,000 pieces of wood are employed.

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# PARIS FASHIONS.

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Paris, Feb. 24.—Americans are entirely accustomed to dress reform movements, such having been repeatedly inaugurated in all the fair sized cities of the United States in years past and run their little course, dying a natural death from inanition. Moreover, at the World's fair there were exhibitions of all sorts of new and reformed—pardon, improved—fashions for women, one reformed style often conflicting with another, but all being unanimous in going dead against whatever the majority of women have a fancy for. It is now hardly possible to create a ripple of public interest with regard to "reformed" apparel, for people are bored with the whole thing, and, recognizing the fact that the American woman will wear a short dress if and when she chooses, no longer take the trouble even to turn and look after her in the street when she appears there in an abbreviated gown.

In Paris, however, the conventional theory of femininity is still so carefully fostered that in spite of the striking bicycle costumes favored—much more extreme, in cut and color, than those worn in America—the proposition to substitute black satin bloomers or trousers for the ordinary petticoat as an undergarment to wear with walking gowns has aroused quite a little excitement and is condemned in some quarters as a tendency toward "masculinization." If it is femininity to be understood, the petticoat wearers certainly have the best of it on muddy and rainy days and can amply maintain the standard of their sex. As a matter of fact, the garments which are veiled in obscurity are not likely to make any difference in woman's social or political position, and their style is scarcely worth discussion on such grounds. A young woman, accompanied by a young girl clothed in accordance with the theory, has been making the rounds of the offices of Parisian journals, endeavoring by the force of a personally conducted example to win adherents to the cause of the black satin apparel above mentioned; hence the news.

With the favor shown to jeweled and metal effects in embroidery, lace and woven fabrics, jewelry itself has been much worn, and buckles, clasps, chains, studs, brooches and combs have all found active service in the fashionable wardrobe. One article of jewelry has, however, been thrown out of employment, and that is the bracelet, the long, mediæval sleeve generally worn completely precluding a bracelet from coming into sight. This difficulty has been triumphantly overcome, however, by some of the leaders of Parisian fashion and as simply as the Columbus overcame the difficulty of standing the egg upon its end. They merely wear the bracelet outside the sleeve, the tight cut of the latter between the elbow and the wrist allowing the ornament to be thus adjusted. The left arm alone may be so adorned. For the right it is not permitted.

Still another wedding illustrating the esteem in which velvet is held as a material for the attire of the feminine wedding guest: This time it is Mlle. de Chateaubriand, and the Count Jacques de Durast. The bride herself wore a gown of ivory satin, velvet, trimmed with point d'anglaise—velvet would hardly do for her—but the Countess de Chateaubriand was attired in a magnificent gown of black velvet enriched with applications of point d'ancien and silver embroidery. A costume of mauve velvet, with old lace, another of

silver gray velvet and another of ruby velvet combined with sable were also seen at the marriage. Just now the sleeves of gowns of this class are cut a trifle larger again, with a small leg of mutton effect, instead of being tight above the elbow, as are the sleeves of cloth and other plain gowns. In velvet this greater amplitude is considered specially desirable. Of course the sleeve remains tight below the elbow.

Some of the most elegant women in Paris have entirely abandoned all fluffy trimmings—ruches, plaitings, puffings and ruffles—for the neck of the bodice, wearing instead a plain, high standing collar, fitting the throat and without any decoration. This seems rather severe after all the furbelows to which we have become accustomed. And to many persons it is exceedingly unbecoming. Short necked women profit by it, however, and it is considered very correct. There is little danger that it will throw neck trimming entirely out of favor, the vogue of big lace scarfs and cravats and roman scarfs increasing daily. The latter are of all sizes and all combinations of color, the stripes

very beautiful costumes. As for blouses, they are the special property of young persons and in black, blue or green velvet—and in the last they are charming—will be worn until warm weather compels their relinquishment. Braiding in black is a favorite decoration for these blouses and is extremely pretty.

Among novelties are sleeves adorned throughout their length by a double line of little, shirred headings. These are made only in this stuff and are sometimes of different material from the rest of the bodice. Another novelty is paper clothing. This is scarcely a bit of fashion news, as paper attire is not yet shown on the Parisian stage or adopted by women in the van of fashion, but it is interesting to note the curious productions in this line. We have long had paper palls, pans and tubs on both sides of the water. Now we are to have not only carriages of paper, but paper petticoats and other articles of underwear. What a pleasure for the woman who like clothing which rustles! "They shall have music wherever they go."

A rich Frenchwoman has died and



TULLE HAT.

running crosswise or lengthwise and knotted fringe to match finishing the ends. These are to be much worn with shirt waists during the spring and summer in place of the stiff ties which prevailed last year.

To return to velvet gowns. They are often lavishly embroidered in silk, metal or beads and are worn by young as well as middle aged and elderly women, although they are less well suited to the first mentioned. Mauve and gray velvets are specially liked and compose

left her fortune—somewhere about 2,000,000 francs—to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This has called down upon her memory a shower of ridicule and satire from the newspaper writers of the day, continental nations not being famous for tenderness of heart to the animal creation not coming to be in the least able to appreciate the fact that the latter have any right to consideration in return for their servitude to man. The mere existence of the society in a country where

such feeling prevails is a wonder, but it is to be hoped that this accession of money, which, of course, means power, will increase the vitality of the association and enable it to do more good work in a country where the doctrine of mercy to the subordinate has not many adherents.

Another sign of the times is the symptom of personal independence which is beginning to develop among Frenchwomen of the better class, who are still in the bondage of darkness, according to American standards, but, judging by their own, are gradually assuming a degree of liberty which is causing the masculine portion of France to feel alarmed for its supremacy. The theory



RIBBON BODICE.

has always been that women must be kept subservient, and as long as they kept up the appearance of submissiveness and gratified in underhand ways only the natural desire for freedom of action they were considered to be, on the whole, satisfactory. Now, however, they are beginning to rebel openly in small ways, and, although their self assertion is of a most harmless character, consisting chiefly in letting men see that women can get along without their society occasionally and can have what Americans call "a good time" without masculine assistance, it is terrifying to their husbands, brothers, fathers and friends, whose sensitive vanity sees itself menaced. The approaching time when women will no longer take the trouble to pretend to look up to them as beings of a higher order casts a portentous shadow before it, and they are becoming uneasy in its perception.

Before closing this week's letter something more definite must be said about the tendency of fashion. The fancy for thin, sheer fabrics—tulle,

gauze, fine organdie, etc.—will last through the spring and summer, and millinery will show its influence. The sketch illustrates a model of a hat of black tulle, covered with steel spangles and shirred over a large wire shape. Rhinestone ornaments are placed at intervals on the lower side of the brim, and the trimming consists of a profusion of white ostrich plumes.

A simple but new and effective evening bodice is likewise shown. It is composed almost entirely of ribbon, which is wound tight around the figure to form a high corset. Tulle is draped over the shoulders and bosom covered by ribbon straps. The short sleeves consist of innumerable soft



coques of ribbon, with bows here and there, and the opening of the bodice at the left side is concealed by a similar arrangement.

CATHERINE TALBOT.

New Fabrics and Colors.

A pinkish white organdie is sprigged with sprays of bright pink blossoms, buds and leaves. Satin striped organdies prevail in these first exhibits, with single flowers scattered over the striped surface. A pale blue ground, with bright blue stripes, is sprigged with red. These goods illustrate fairly well the new spring shades and their great variety of tones. There are six tones of gendarme blue, from a pearly gobe-lin tint to a deep dark one. Then there are the forget-me-not blues and several turquoise shades with greenish tints.

Orient yellow is a smart color, as well as two or three other yellows under different names, though but slightly different in shade. A deep orange with a reddish tinge is known as kiondike. Reddish yellows and orange yellows bid fair to be popular.

## SPRING HATS.

Small flowers will edge the brim of the large midsummer hats, and, in fact, such a wealth of flowers will be used on all the spring and summer millinery as to preclude the necessity for much else.

Violet is a popular color, a popular flower and a popular perfume. Small purple violets and white violets are in demand for floral decorations.

Tulle and gauze woven with filigree gold, silver or steel are used for making toques. Plain tulle and gauze will be used for trimming all sorts of spring and summer hats, and closely spangled tulle will be used more for the puffed borderings of straw toques.

Straws will be worn unusually early this season, as the novelties are handsome and run the gamut of styles for almost every month. Among the new ones shown are closely plaited coarse straws in all the fashionable shades of color. Finely sewed straws, as well as panama, leghorn, manilla and other plaited straws of this type, will be equally fashionable.

Tulle will prove a strong rival of straw during the early part of the coming season. The novel ways of using it are not in quillings of puff, as last year, but in layers, one over the other, until it is quite opaque, and then it is either stretched smoothly over a firm shape or arranged in the form of a beretta, with the loose edges of the tulle separate, like the leaves of a book, and each one bordered with extremely narrow satin ribbon or a row of spangles.

## Cloth and Velvet.

Combinations of cloth and velvet are used for some very elegant gowns, and the skirts, cut with a yoke top and circular flounces, form a means of combining two fabrics with a very good effect. One model has a yoke of purple cloth, to which the ruffle of velvet of the same color is joined in overlapping scallops. The waist is a blouse of the cloth, with a plastron back and front of the velvet. In front the plastron opens over a tiny pointed vest of the velvet left plain, the plastron being elaborately adorned with imitation amethysts and embroidered in several shades of silk of the same tone.

The sleeves are of the mousquetaire shape and are ornamented with treflols of the velvet applied on at the tops. The hat is of cloth and velvet—the former used for the crown, the latter for the brim. Wings of purple tipped with palest green are the only ornament. They are set right in the middle of the crown. As will be seen from the tilt of this, the fashion of wearing the hat down over the face still prevails to some extent, although the fashion of wearing it very far back to show the pompadour is newer.

## Here is a New Cuff.

Another tiny but none the less important oddity is the small, close plaited cuff appearing on all the lately finished suits. For this the lower half of the sleeve fits the arm most snugly and has a double row of tiny buttons running nearly up to the elbow on the upper side of the wrist. Then, falling out over the hands back nearly to the knuckles, is a fan of plaited satin. Sometimes this, too, has little buttons on it, but it is no wider than the back of the hand, and often, in place of a plaiting of satin, a pointed tab of goods like the gown is used and ornamented with braiding. One thing, however, is quite certain—that long, over the hand sleeves will continue, and their tops are by no means yet perfectly flat.

## PRETTY TRIFLES.

Beautiful mirrors for the dressing table are of silver, with Louis XVI frames. Some are in lazy designs in pierced silver, while others are severely plain. Miniatures are sometimes set in the corners or at the top of the frame.

Powder boxes of crystal have miniature covers framed in silver or gold. The inner side of the cover is a mirror.

Necklaces of Roman pearls are fastened with clasps of real diamonds. Silver lamps for dressing tables are made after an old French pattern and stand on two feet.

Ornaments of diamonds and turquoises are made to be worn either as brooches, pendants, bracelet clasps or hair ornaments.

The latest concessions to the tastes of the manly young woman are rings of the heavy twisted gold set with blood-stones, onyx, tourmaline, etc. The newest blotters are almost useful as writing desks, being a convenient size to place on the lap when writing and furnished with a stiffened cardboard foundation. One end is finished in the usual way, with silver or leather corner caps; the other is covered with a broad strip of handsome brocade, which forms a pocket for paper and envelopes. These blotters are especially suitable for the dainty desk in the boudoir, guest chamber or reception room, where ornament and utility are, as a rule, closely associated.

Some forgotten jewel boxes are shaped like a fluted lace bouquet filled with the delicate blue blossoms and carried by three or four cupids, or heads of the flowers in which Easter eggs lie half hid or birds hover over. This ware is of the finest workmanship and almost rivals nature in its prettiness.

Clever imitations of crêpe paper ornaments come in bisque.

## A Draped Blouse.

Odd little revers are a decided feature of some of the prettiest gowns. Here are some of a white silk on a dark red, camel's hair gown. They turn back from a guimpe of the same white taffeta laid in tiny tucks. The revers are edged with black satin plaitings, headed by two bias folds of black satin. The ends of a narrow round collar which decorates the back are visible in front over the sleeves. The collar, with points, is of black satin, as is also the belt. The back of the bodice is smooth and seamless, the front gracefully draped. The sleeves are the proper shape, fitting quite snugly, with very little fullness at the top.

The skirt is cut with five gores and is joined to the lining. Wool gowns for general wear are in most instances made in the old way, with the lining cut exactly like the outside and made in at the bottom. This applies only to the plain suits, for the successful ones are cut with circular flounces and are made separate from the lining to obtain the soft folds at the foot.

## Economical Silk Linings.

A silk lining undoubtedly gives body and buoyancy and a sense of ladylike-ness to a gown, but it has lately been found that it is really only necessary to line a skirt with silk up to the knees in front and sides and up to the waist immediately in the back. The remainder of the skirt can be done on a foundation of thin alpaca, and thereby expense is reduced, while the set of the petticoat and all the important rustle is just as impressive as ever.

# EASTER NOVELTIES.

Each year Eastertide brings with it approach a number of dainty conceits in china, glass, metal, cardboard, silk and what not, all redolent of spring in color and design and nearly all symbolic of the season which they are intended to commemorate.

These souvenirs of Easter grow more unique and beautiful with every succeeding year, and the novelties brought out for 1898 surpass in every way those of 1897.

Among the prettiest are the new styles of china just imported and bearing such pretty names as "forget-me-not," "flower-de-luce," etc. The first named ware is found in boxes, vases and ornaments of all sizes, with inch deep masses of natural sized forget-me-nots apparently growing all over them.

Favorite ornaments are eggs varying in size from that of a chicken to an ostrich. These are mounted on twigs, fastened at the top, or else on tiny, exquisite sprays of forget-me-nots are artistically arranged over them, and fairies or cupids, attired in lace and airy materials (made of china) balance themselves on the edge of the open sides of the eggs.

Wreaths and garlands of other flowers are used effectively in the same manner.

The endeavor of artists this season seems to be to imitate nature both in the shape and color of flowers. Sprays of hydrangeas, lilacs and jonquils on the gifts meant for Easter are so perfect that they only need perfume to make them seem real. Stiffness in floral effects is now done away with. Primroses and dahlias no longer delight the inartistic eye. Art produces grace in every outline, harmonious color effects, and through everything sounds the keynote of spring. Only spring blossoms greet the seekers after Easter remembrances.

Eggs on a writing desk are a little novel, but they are none the less pretty. Sets of inkstands, match and sealing wax receivers, pin and pen holders and stamp boxes may be had in up to date eggs adorned with rare sprays of flowers.

One who enters the novelty floor of some of our great importing houses now might easily imagine himself transported into the Plaza del Flores with which San Antonio and other Spanish-American cities welcome the spring. Clocks tick from a wreath or branch of flowers; baskets are made of loose sprays intertwined with a bit of wicker (china) for a frame; flowers bloom everywhere. You find that jonquils and tulips are prepared to hold candles; that all the blossoms are ready to shade them or conceal the globe of electric lights; that all the accessories of your toilet table, including the mirror, may be wreathed or hidden in electric blossoms, and your photographs and miniatures may smile from the same, to say nothing of all the articles upon your writing desk.

To some extent, it may be seen, the downy yellow chickens of the past have taken a back seat among Easter novelties. They appear of course, and in more perfect form than heretofore, especially in Raphael Tuck's cardboard novelties, and a cute little Japanese head peeks its almond eyes from out the feathered varieties.

Royal Bonn ware, which is a clever imitation of Hagen, is a new thing for Easter and already proves that it will be very fashionable.

China sets made of burglarian red, with gold outlining, are new and strike a distinctly opposite note of color.

Another popular color scheme just introduced in china is light heliotrope, and an even more desirable thing is the pretty green and white ware, which is especially appropriate to the season.

The latter was probably suggested by the adoption of forest green furniture, but it usually carries a semi-vatrain scene, with airy foliage effects on small pieces and borders.

Among the novelties in green are smoking sets for men made of green wood, with brass trimmings, or green metal with bronze.

In the same color scheme come the new and beautiful vases of St. Denis glass. They are curious and artistic in shape—mostly tall and appear as if made by sheets of frozen water with a green ice light in it. They are decorated with large green flower-de-luces outlined with gold enamel.

The flower-de-luce is the newest fad in the way of china, glass and metal

of edelweiss on its top, the other a nugget of gold. So is the romance of the old world quaintly contrasted with the practical spirit of the new.

Some new Easter bookmarks are made of sweet grass in natural colors. They are eight and ten inches in length and woven at the top into the shape of a pressed daisy.

On the subject of pressed flowers, a pretty Easter souvenir consists of a little green book containing a dozen or more pressed flowers from the Holy Land, with a description of each.

Some pin cushions and sachets for Easter have a miniature set in or painted on one corner or in the center.

Novelties in photograph holders are big crêpe paper flowers at least 12 inches in diameter. The photos stick in



NEW THINGS FOR THE DRESSING TABLE.

a velvet or silk covered back in a semicircle. Clover leaves appear indiscriminately upon Easter novelties. Lockets, pins, charms, bag tops, purses and photograph frames all carry the emblem of good luck. Miniature frames consist of a big leaf with a little place in the center for the picture. Metal candlesticks and matchsafes are much the same, with handles made of the clover stem.

Young people may carry at Easter a new penny fan to match in color their attire. The fan shuts up in a steel case. The Scotch plaid purses and card-cases will also make their appearance at Easter.

Chateaufaine bags, with little purses inside to match, have come with Easter novelties from Paris.

The swellest belts for Easter are of velvet studded with cut steel ornaments.

A novel Easter card consists of a large egg covered with embossed flowers. On pulling a string a lively chicken jumps out. Another egg unfolds and discloses a grass plot with half a dozen pretty chicks standing about.

A number of embossed eggs of grad-

uated sizes are hung by a ribbon at the small end. On loosening the ribbon they all slip into one. Other charming Easter designs are made in the same way.

Card receivers and booklets are made of dainty natural flowers in embossed cardboard, and angel and cross designs are particularly beautiful this season.

Among elegant books for Easter presents are "Earth's Message" and "In the Fair Land of Time."

Both of these books have large lithographs of landscapes and flowers by fine artists, with appropriate verses in gold lettering.

Ultra novelties for Easter presents of an expensive sort are desk and toilet sets of beaten brass or the new sky blue and gold filigree ware, while cheaper ornaments come in bisque cherubs, angels and chickens, with spun glass wings that reflect the rainbow's tints in subdued tones.

But above all it is to be remembered that this is to be an Easter of flowers, shoes and gloves alone being exempt from their adornment.

M. W. MOUNT.

## Doors.

A lady living in one of the western states has made a novel experiment with doors. Having fallen heir to a large fortune, she determined to build a house for herself without regard to prevailing modes, but so that it would suit her own fancy entirely. She had been driven almost distracted by the slamming of doors. Her personal attendants had, of course, been schooled to quietness, but even the slight noise made by the closing of the door had an irritation for her that no one but an invalid would understand. Every door in this new home of hers was constructed on the plan of the doors of office buildings, with a spring that regulates the gradual closing.

"No one is going to slam a door in this house," said the owner decidedly. A little negro maid, a late importation from the south, on the occasion of the moving into the large mansion, was scared almost speechless when she first witnessed the action of the door.

"Lord a-massy!" she said, lifting her hands heavenward. "It was a-goin' shet fast, and some one made it stop and go as soft as soft, and when I looked there wasn't no hands a-doin' it!"

## Ham Salad.

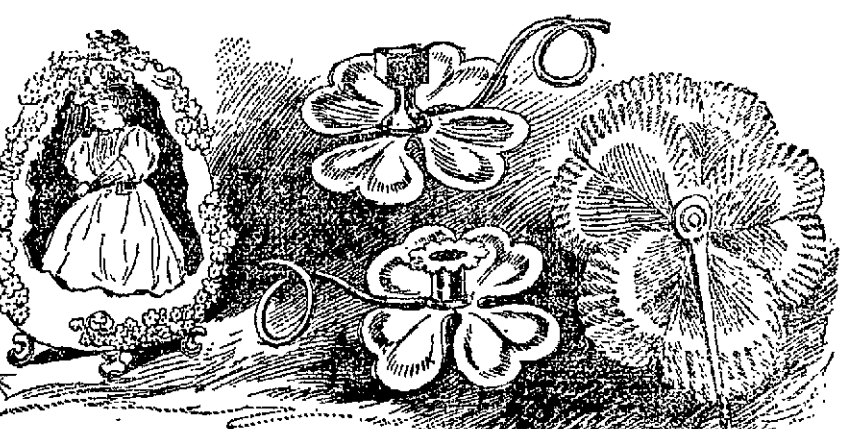
Cold boiled or baked smoked ham is the best, although smoked may be used. Mix together and put into a fine dredger a small quantity each of celery salt, cayenne and black pepper, white sugar and allspice. Shave the lean of the ham and squeeze lemon juice over the pieces, then lightly dredge them with the above mixture. Shave up some white onions and celery and put them in the salad bowl with a few white lettuce hearts. Add the ham next, then pour several spoonfuls of oil over all and a dash of vinegar. Serve quickly.

## In Making Mayonnaise.

Mayonnaise should always be kept in a cold place. Thus it will keep for days. It grows very stiff, but if you do not wish to add vinegar to thin it a few drops of ice water will have the same effect. The white of an egg, beaten dry, often added to mayonnaise for lettuce and endive, needs to be put in at the very last, as it thins the dressing.

## HOME HINTS.

Sydney Smith had an experience with a maid that every housekeeper will sympathize with. He said: "Finding we consumed a vast deal of soap, I sat down in my thinking chair and took the soap question into consideration, and I found reason to suspect we were using a very expensive article where a much cheaper one would serve the purpose better. I ordered half a dozen pounds of both sorts, but took the pre-



NOVEL EASTER DESIGNS.

caution of changing the papers on which the prices were marked before giving them into the hands of Betty.

"Well, Betty, which soap do you find washes best?"

"Oh, please sir, the dearest, in the blue paper. It makes a lather as well again as the other."

"Well, Betty, you shall always have it then." And thus the unsuspecting Betty saved me some pounds a year and washed the clothes better."

If, as often happens, the stopper of your glass bottle becomes firmly fixed in the neck, you can loosen it in this way: Rub a few drops of salad oil round the stopper close to the mouth of the bottle, place the bottle near the fire, though not too near, about a foot and a half away. When the bottle has become warm strike the stopper gently with a piece of wood, then with the hand. If the stopper does not at once operate to the treatment, repeat the operation till successful.

Between husband and wife little attentions beset much love. Peas pudding is a most nourishing as well as economical dish. It is made thus: Dry a quart of split peas thoroughly before the fire, then tie them up loosely in a cloth, put them into warm water, boil them a couple of hours or more, until quite tender; take them out, beat them well in a dish with a little salt, the yolk of an egg and a small piece of butter. Make it quite smooth, tie it up again in a cloth and boil it an hour longer. With economical families this is an excellent dish for washing days, when there must of necessity be a good fire going for some hours continuously.

Many people are obliged to live in damp localities. If it is at all possible, let them plant near the house—in fact, as close to the house as possible—the sunflower and the laurel. The sunflower is potent in destroying the malarial condition, while the laurel gives off an abundance of ozone. An excellent jelly for the sickroom is made thus: Take an ounce each of rice, sago, pearl barley and harteorn shavings; simmer with 3 pints of wa-

ter to 1 and strain it. When cold, it will be a jelly, which can be given dissolved in wine, milk or broth.

In sewing if you are in haste use a short needle.

## A Sensible Custom.

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# COOKING CHICKENS.

Here are a few different ways of cooking and preparing chickens.

Potted Chicken.—Strip the meat from the bones of a cold, roast fowl. To every pound of meat allow a quarter of a pound of butter, salt and cayenne pepper to taste, a teaspoonful of pounded mace and half of a small nutmeg. Cut the meat into small cubes, pound it well with the butter. Sprinkle in the spices gradually and keep pounding until reduced to a perfectly smooth paste. Pack it into small jars and cover with clarified butter, about a quarter of an inch in thickness. Two or three slices of ham minced and pounded with the above will be an improvement. Keep in a dry place. A luncheon or breakfast dish.

Old fowls can be made very tender by putting into them, while boiling, a piece of soda as large as a bean.

Scalloped Chicken.—Divide a fowl into joints and boil the meat leaves the bone ready. Take out the bones and chop the meat as small as dice. Thicken the water in which the fowl was boiled with flour and season to taste with butter and salt. Fill a deep dish with alternate



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A young lady as clerk in the North Adams candy kitchen. Experience and references necessary. Apply at the store, 19 Eagle street.

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### THE NINE HOUR LAW.

Central Labor Union Discusses the Length of Day on City Work.

#### A CITY ORDINANCE SUGGESTED.

Committee Has Investigated the Subject in Many Other Cities. Greylock Resolutions Adopted. New Unions Represented.

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Labor union Thursday night was well attended. Representatives from all the newly formed unions were present and there was considerable interesting discussion on the affairs of labor in this city.

The most important was a report from the committee appointed to look up the question of the enforcement of the nine hour labor law on municipal work in other cities. In connection with this was a recommendation that an ordinance be drawn up and presented to the city council for an eight hour day in North Adams.

The committee has written to most of the larger cities in the state and finds that in all the nine hour law is enforced, in some by city ordinance and in some under the state law. In several places united efforts of the unions have brought the hours of work in some trades down to eight hours. In several cities ordinances are now being considered for making eight hours a working day for all employed on city work.

The committee says in its report: "The proper observance of this law in North Adams is a dead letter." The city employs its men by the hour and the committee claims that the law for nine hours applies equally to work by the hour or by the day. The committee therefore asked to have an ordinance drawn up and presented making eight hours a day's work on all city labor, and including everything needed for its enforcement.

The new Weavers' union of Adams became an affiliated union at the meeting, its delegates being present. The Loomfixers' union will be taken in at the next meeting. The union adopted the following resolutions on the Greylock reservation.

WHEREAS, effort is now being made to have the state take Greylock mountain and by holding it as a public reservation to preserve its forests and natural beauties, its glens and brooks, from the vandalism of the woodchopper or the clutches of the men of wealth who may soon turn envious eyes towards it as they have towards mountains in Berkshire of less beauty and grandeur, and

WHEREAS, such preservation would save to the people of all conditions of life and especially the toilers in the mills and factories of Berkshire a natural outing place which would be at the same time a pleasure and a means of education to them; and

WHEREAS, it is evident that unless the state intervenes at once to thus preserve the mountain, it and its glories may be lost to the people forever, and the water courses and water supply of all northern and central Berkshire may be so affected as to bring heavy burdens upon the people, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Central Labor Union of North Adams, which represents the organized working people of Northern Berkshire, petition the General Court to pass the bill now before it providing for the purchase of the mountain.

#### Taxes at Pittsfield.

The question of cutting off 3 per cent. of the Pittsfield taxes if paid before October 10, is causing considerable discussion in that city and it is said that the amendment proposed will meet with some opposition in the city council. The reason for adopting the ordinance in the first place a few years ago was to encourage prompt payment so that the city might have its funds to use earlier than otherwise. The inducement has resulted in the payment of a large proportion of the taxes early. The abolition of the reduction was recommended in Mayor Whiting's inaugural message and strongly urged by him as not being a proper thing to allow, as the law gave the collector, the mayor says, all the power necessary without the discount.

#### Canadian Claims Are Old.

Albert Manville, who recently went to Canada to investigate a claim to property left by his wife's grandfather, General Barnes, who died in England in 1810, has returned. Mr. Manville looked up the records and found that a large amount of property was left by General Barnes, but so much time has elapsed that there is little prospect that Mrs. Manville will get anything.

#### Opening of Candy Kitchen.

The North Adams Candy Kitchen will be opened Friday, March 11, at 19 Eagle street. Go there for all kinds of confectionery, fresh made daily, pure and

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### CHILD MURDER IN POWNAL.

Body of Six Months Old Fetus Found This Morning.

Pownal is excited today over a discovery there this morning of the murder of an unknown infant. The fetus was that of a girl not over six months old, and was found about 7 o'clock this morning in the flume of the Wright Health Underwear company.

Frank Wright of the company was raking out the flume when he found the body. It was not decomposed, and from appearances had not been in the water more than a few hours, probably since Thursday night. The coroner, Joseph Norwood, was summoned, and investigated the case today.

Coroner Norwood decided after looking into the matter that there was no way of locating the source of the crime. Later investigations made it seem probable that the body had been thrown in the river above Pownal and had been brought down by the current till it lodged in the flume.

#### Suit Against Boston & Albany.

An interesting suit against the Boston & Albany road occupied the superior court at Pittsfield Thursday. The plaintiff, George Dougherty, alleged that April 8 last he bought a ticket to go home from Pittsfield to Berkshire, that he was perfectly sober, and that the late Conductor Richmond saw him at the car platform and said the plaintiff must ride in the smoking-car. That after he got into the smoking-car, Richmond went in there, took him by the coat and pulled him to the platform, gave the signal for the cars to start and left the plaintiff at the station. He had to walk part of the way home that night. He asked for \$2,000 damages. The company defended on the ground that Dougherty was intoxicated and that Richmond was justified in forbidding him from the passenger car, but that the plaintiff did not go into the smoking car at all and was not ejected. They also laid considerable stress on the fact that although Dougherty was ejected last April, the writ was not brought until last December and after the death of Richmond, the conductor and the principal witness. The case went to the jury this morning.

#### Two Drury Teams Win.

Drury put two basket ball teams in the field again last night, and both were winners. The Senior team defeated the Association 23 to 8, and the Junior team beat the Wheelmen 18 to 7. In the Senior-Association game the following score was made: Goals from field, Burrows 3, Lawrence 2, Boyd 2, Bradford, Spencer, Thatcher 3, Warner; goals from foul, Burrows 4. Drury was given one point because the goal post was shaken. In the Junior-Wheelmen game the scores were as follows: Goals from field, O'Hara 3, McSheen 2, Cummings, Broderick, Hervey, Pierce; goals from foul, Broderick, Pierce 5. Next week's game is not definitely decided on, but it is probable that the Association and Wheelmen will play and the Hunter's team and Independent club will meet.

#### A Week of Popular Prices.

There will be six evenings and two afternoons of popular price amusement at the Columbia theater next week, of which "Tommy" Shearer will be the star. He is a young actor of considerable ability as a comedian, and the company is said by papers of other cities to be a good one. "A Southern Home," a beautiful comedy drama, the scenes of which are laid in Kentucky, has been selected as the opening play.

### BLACKINTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozro Carpenter are home from their wedding tour and will make their home at the Carpenter farm.

Mrs. Eubner and son, who have been visiting friends here for a week, returned to their home in New York city Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry La Muey and children and Alfred La Muey of Turners Falls are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bastian.

David K. Jones has broken ground for a tenement on River street adjoining his residence.

Edward Davis is having a new barn built on his Ford property.

The engagement is announced of Miss Agnes Bell of Hillsdale, N. Y., to William C. Dailey, son of State Senator Dailey of Chatham, N. Y. Miss Bell is well known here where she has visited as a guest of the Misses Davies.

### BRAYTONVILLE.

Misses Grace and Florence Starlevant of Savoy are visiting at the home of their sister, Mrs. Chas. Lewis.

Several cases of diphtheria have been reported in this vicinity.

The volunteer hose company recently formed here will now be known as the H. G. B. Fisher hose company.

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### HIGH PRICED LAND

State Committee on Education Visits Normal School This Morning.

#### MORE LAND NEEDED--PRICE HIGH

The Committee Think, and They May Recommend Purchase of Only a Part. Are Shown the Greylock Situation.

The committee on education of the legislature arrived in the city Thursday night and stopped at the Wilson. The committee arrived at 8 o'clock and went direct to the hotel. Shortly after they were at the board of trade rooms, where they were given a reception by prominent business men. Caterer McNeil was on hand and served refreshments. The reception was quite informal. The members of the committee present were Senator A. S. Roe of Worcester, Representatives J. W. Hill of Williamsburg, William L. Morse of Marlboro, Francis Leland of Templeton and William Nettleton of Stockbridge. Capt. Kinneer, messenger, was with the committee, also Col. E. B. Stoddard of the state board of education.

This morning the committee went to the normal school grounds to look over the situation and consider the advisability of purchasing additional land for a dormitory, as has been proposed. The committee was met there by President Carter of Williams college—a member of the state board of education, E. S. Wilkinson, C. H. Cutting, George B. Ferry, Commissioner of Public Works J. H. Emigh, Supt. I. F. Hall, H. G. B. Fisher, Principal Murdock of the normal school and C. Q. Richmond.

The proposition is to buy about \$30,000 worth of land and have the city pay \$10,000 towards it, with a view to placing a new high school building near the normal school. The ground was carefully looked over and the facts bearing on the case were made clear to the committee.

The members of the committee did not express any decided opinions on the matter of the state's action, but spoke freely of the appearances of the property. They saw that more land was needed for the normal school, but considered the prices wanted very high. While they gave out nothing for publication, it is understood that they were of the opinion that not all the land is needed, and that some of that for which the highest money is wanted could be left unobtainable.

The committee also paid a visit to the Church street school and expressed themselves pleased with its arrangements and work. The committee, accompanied by Principal Murdock, took dinner at the Wilson and afterwards a drive was taken toward Williamstown to give the visitors a view of the Greylock group of mountains, which it is hoped to make a state reservation. The view showed them that the timber on the mountains is being rapidly slaughtered and that if anything is to be done for its protection it must be done at once.

The committee left the city on the 8 o'clock train for Pittsfield and will visit the Westfield normal school on the way to Boston. The normal school at Fitchburg was visited Thursday.

#### Another Confidence Man Loose.

The merchants of this city may expect a visit before long from one of the various sharpers who are "working" this region. The police of Holyoke are now looking for about as clever a confidence man as ever made his way into Western Massachusetts. Posing as the son of the ex-congressman, Leopold Morse of Boston, he outlined in a vivid manner to some of the leading citizens of Holyoke a gigantic scheme for establishing a shirt factory, to give employment to about 100 hands. He was ready to pay three months' rent in advance to the owner, yet the clerk at the Windsor hotel had to advance him seventy-five cents when it came to buying some cigars. The man disappeared Saturday, after borrowing small sums.

#### Prohibition at Shelburne.

Shelburne Falls proposes, during the coming year, to have a thorough enforcement of the liquor law and that sales of contraband liquor shall cease. At the expiration of the year of license, last May, the chairman of the selectmen, notified the parties whom he had reason to suspect were likely to sell liquor illegally, that if evidence was secured the cases would be pushed in the courts. For a time the warning was sufficient, but of late it is believed that illegal sales have been resumed. A paper signed by 164 voters, including all the clergymen of the village, has now been presented to the selectmen, asking them to see that the law is thoroughly enforced. There is no doubt this will be done. The paper is in the nature of a second warning, and it assures the selectmen that they will have the active support of the community.

George McDonald and E. S. Wilkinson attended a promenade dance in Cohoes, N. Y., Thursday evening.

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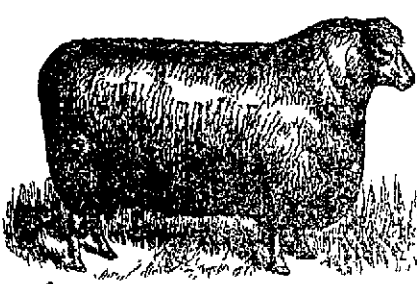
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